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SUBJ: MBFR: INFORMAL SESSION WITH EASTERN REPRESENTATIVES
OF FEBRUARY 15, 1977

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: IN THE FEB 15, 1977 INFORMAL SESSION OF
THE VIENNA TALKS, THE ALLIES WERE REPRESENTED BY THE FRG
REP, NETHERLANDS REP AND US REP, AND THE EAST BY SOVIET REPS
TARASOV AND SHUSTOV, CZECHOSLOVAK REP MEISNER AND GDR REP
OESER. MILITARY ADVISERS ALSO PARTICIPATED.

2. THE SESSION WAS DEVOTED ENTIRELY TO THE DISCUSSION OF
COUNTING RULES AND DATA. THE ATMOSPHERE WAS GOOD. WARSAW PACT
REPS READILY REPLIED TO NEARLY ALL WESTERN FOLLOW-ON QUESTIONS.
THE THRUST OF WARSAW PACT REPLIES WAS THAT THE EAST HAD
COUNTED ALL ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL IN THE AREA OF REDUCTIONS OF
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THE WARSAW PACT DIRECT PARTICIPANTS, EXCLUDING ONLY THE
PERSONNEL OF THE NAVY, BORDER GUARD FORCES, FORMATIONS OF OTHER
MINISTRIES AND DEPARTMENTS, RESERVISTS AND CIVILIANS WORKING
WITH THE ARMED FORCES AS WELL AS CONSCRIPT PERSONNEL OF THE
POLISH TERRITORIAL FORCES.

3. FRG REP OPENED SESSION WITH REPLIES TO THE QUESTIONS ON

WESTERN COUNTING RULES EASTERN REPS HAD POSED IN THE INFORMAL SESSION OF FEB 9. SOVIET REP TARASOV, SPEAKING THROUGHOUT WITH CONFIDENT SELF-ASSURANCE, FOLLOWED WITH A GENERAL STATEMENT OF WARSAW PACT APPROACH TO INCLUSIONS AND EXCLUSIONS TO EFFECT THAT THE PACT BELIEVED THAT ALL UNIFORMED MILITARY PERSONNEL OF DIRECT PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BE COUNTED AND THAT THE EAST WAS PREPARED TO ACCEPT WESTERN VIEW THAT RESERVISTS, CIVILIANS, AND PERSONNEL OF UNIFORMED ORGANIZATIONS EQUIPPED WITH WEAPONS SHOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM THE COUNT. TARASOV SAID THAT THE EAST HAD COUNTED ALL UNIFORMED MILITARY PERSONNEL ON THE ROSTERS OF UNITS AND FORMATIONS IN THE AREA AS OF 1 JANUARY 1976. HE SAID USE OF THIS CRITERION WOULD ENABLE PARTICIPANTS TO USE ACTUAL STRENGTH AS A BASIS FOR REDUCTIONS AND LIMITATIONS. CZECHOSLOVAK REP REPLIED TO WESTERN QUESTIONS OF JUNE 29, 1976, REPEATED IN DEC 16, 1976 INFORMAL SESSION.

4. CZECHOSLOVAK REP'S RENDITION OF EARLIER WESTERN QUESTIONS WAS SOMEWHAT CONFUSED, BUT TARASOV'S STATEMENTS WERE UNAMBIGUOUS. US REP ASKED A SERIES OF FOLLOW-ON QUESTIONS CONCERNING EASTERN STATEMENTS. WITHOUT INSISTING ON EQUAL TREATMENT, TARASOV REPLIED IMMEDIATELY TO MOST QUESTIONS POSED AND SAID THAT HE WOULD REPLY TO REMAINDER IN FOLLOWING SESSIONS. THE EAST ONLY ASKED ONE FOLLOW-ON QUESTION TO WESTERN STATEMENT, REQUESTING THE WEST TO SPECIFY THE BORDER POLICE AND INTERNAL SECURITY AND POLICE ORGANIZATIONS EXCLUDED FROM THE WESTERN COUNT. WHEN WESTERN REPS SAID THEY WOULD REPLY IN NEXT SESSION, EASTERN REPS READILY AGREED TO PROVIDE THE SAME INFORMATION FOR WARSAW PACT FORCES AT THAT TIME. WARSAW PACT RESPONSES TO SEVERAL WESTERN QUESTIONS GAVE NO INDICATION THAT THE PACT HAD OMITTED
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ANY TYPE OF FORCES OR A PORTION OF ANY TYPE OF FORCES FROM ITS DATA WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE POLISH SEA LANDING DIVISION WHICH THE EAST COUNTED WITH NAVY. EASTERN REPS DID NOT REPEAT NOT IN ANY WAY RAISE THE ISSUE OF DATA ON FRENCH FORCES.

5. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE NEXT SESSION, TO BE HELD ON FEB 22, WOULD DEAL WITH BOTH DATA AND GENERAL SUBJECTS. SINCE WASHINGTON AGENCIES WILL WISH TO ANALYZE EASTERN STATEMENTS ABOUT THEIR COUNTING RULES, THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TELEGRAPHICALLY. END SUMMARY.

6. FRG REP AS HOST OPENED THE SESSION. DRAWING ON TALKING POINTS APPROVED BY THE AD HOC GROUP, FRG REP SAID THAT, IN THE PRESENT SESSION, WESTERN REPS WOULD FIRST ANSWER THE QUESTIONS ABOUT WESTERN DATA THE EAST HAD ASKED THEM IN THE INFORMAL SESSION OF FEB 9 AND THEN WOULD ASK EASTERN REPS TO GIVE THEIR ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS THE WEST HAD ASKED OF THEM ON JUNE 29 AND DEC 16 LAST YEAR. WESTERN REPS THOUGHT THIS PROCEDURE SHOULD SERVE TO REASSURE POSSIBLE CONCERNS ABOUT A ONE-SIDED

DEVELOPMENT OF THE DISCUSSION, AND THEY WERE PREPARED TO LEAD OFF AS A CONTRIBUTION TO PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSION.

7. FRG REP SATED THAT IN ANSWERING EASTERN QUESTIONS, WESTERN REPS HAD FOR CONVENIENCE REORDERED THEM IN THREE CATEGORIES. THESE WERE: A. FIRST, EASTERN QUESTIONS WHICH HAD TO DO WITH TOTAL WESTERN FORCES. IT SEEMED TO WESTERN REPS THAT THE MOST LOGICAL QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS FIRST WERE THOSE HAVING TO DO WITH THE ISSUE OF WHO HAD BEEN INCLUDED AND WHO HAD BEEN EXCLUDED FROM WESTERN TOTALS, AND THEN MOVE TO OTHER ISSUES. SECOND, EASTERN QUESTIONS ON THE DIVISION OF THE TOTAL WESTERN FORCES BETWEEN GROUND AND AIR, WHAT WESTERN REPS CALLED ALLOCATION. C. THIRD, THE WESTERN COUNT OF EASTERN FORCES.

8. FRG REP SAID THAT USING THIS ORDERING OF EASTERN QUESTIONS, WESTERN REPS WOULD TURN FIRST TO THE EAST'S
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QUESTION3, WHICH READ: "HAVE ALL CATEGORIES OF MILITARY

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PERSONNEL BEEN TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN COUNTING THE MANPOWER OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE NATO DIRECT PARTICIPANTS IN THE AREA OF REDUCTIONS, AND WHAT DOES THE WESTERN TERM UNIFORMED ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL MEAN?" THERE WERE IN ACTUALITY TWO QUESTIONS HERE, AS IN SOME OF THE OTHER EASTERN QUESTIONS. THE WEST'S ANSWER TO THE FIRST PART OF THIS QUESTION WAS THAT THE WEST HAD INCLUDED IN ITS FIGURES ALL UNIFORMED ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL IN ALL CATEGORIES OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE WESTERN DIRECT PARTICIPANTS IN THE AREA OF REDUCTION, WITH THE AGREED EXCEPTION OF THE NAVY. TO BE MORE SPECIFIC, ALL ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL, REGARDLESS OF CATEGORY, TYPE OF UNIT OR COMMAND, OR FUNCTION PERFORMED, HAD BEEN INCLUDED IN WESTERN FIGURES. AS T THE SECOND PART OF THE QUESTION, "WHAT DOES THE WESTERN TERM 'UNIFORMED ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL' MEAN," WESTERN REPS WOULD SAY THE FOLLOWING: THEY EMPLOYED THE TERM
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"UNIFORMED ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL" TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT WESTERN FIGURES COUNTED ALL PERSONNEL ON FULL TIME ACTIVE DUTY WITH THE ARMED FORCES, AND ONLY SUCH PERSONNEL. ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL WERE THOSE WHO DEVOTED THEIR FULL TIME TO MILITARY SERVICE INCLUDING BOTH PROFESSIONAL SOLDIERS AND CONSCRIPTS. THESE PERSONNEL WERE SUBJECT TO MILITARY ORDERS AND DISCIPLINE AND WERE AUTHORIZED TO WEAR MILITARY UNIFORM.

9. FRG REP SAID THE EASTERN QUESTION NUMBER FIVE READ:
"DO THE TOTALS OF NATO COUNTRY ARMED FORCES INCLUDE THE PERSONNEL OF MAJOR NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, CENTRAL MILITARY OFFICES, MILITARY ACADEMIES, SCHOOLS AND TRAINING INSTITUTIONS, AS WELL AS THE PERSONNEL OF NATO ALLIED COMMAND HEADQUARTERS IN THE WESTERN AND CENTRAL EUROPEAN THEATERS, ALLIED AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS, AND THE SERVICE SUPPORT UNITS OF THOSE HEADQUARTERS?" WESTERN REPS UNDERSTOOD THE EAST TO MEAN BY THE TERM "CENTRAL MILITARY OFFICES" THAT THEY WERE SUCH OFFICES AS THOSE CENTRALLY CHARGED WITH THE JOB OF TRANSPORT, MEDICAL SERVICES, OR PORTIONS OF MINISTRIES OF DEFENSE ENTRUSTED WITH SUCH FUNCTIONS AND ALSO THAT ALL HEADQUARTERS THE EAST MENTIONED WERE IN THE REDUCTION AREA. THE ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION WAS THAT ALL ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL OF THE WESTERN DIRECT PARTICIPANTS IN EACH OF THE COMPONENTS THE EAST HAD LISTED WERE INCLUDED IN WESTERN TOTALS.

10. FRG REP STATED THAT THE EAST'S FOURTH QUESTION WAS
"ARE THE TERRITORIAL FORCES OF THE FRG, BELGIUM, AND THE

NETHERLANDS INCLUDED IN THE TOTALS AND IN THE GROUND FORCE TOTALS, AND ON THE BASIS OF WHICH CRITERION HAVE THEY BEEN COUNTED?" THE ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION WAS THAT ALL ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL IN THE TERRITORIAL FORCES OF EACH OF THESE COUNTRIES, THAT IS, THE FRG TERRITORIAL DEFENSE, THE NETHERLANDS NATIONAL TERRITORIAL COMMAND, AND THE BELGIAN COMBINED FORCES OF THE INTERIOR, WERE INCLUDED

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IN WESTERN TOTALS.

11. FRG REP SAID THAT THE EIGHTH EASTERN QUESTION WAS "COULD YOU SPECIFY WHAT PERSONNEL OF OTHER UNIFORMED ORGANIZATIONS EQUIPPED WITH WEAPONS IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOTALS SUBMITTED FOR THE MANPOWER OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE NATO DIRECT PARTICIPANTS IN THE REDUCTION AREA?" THE WESTERN ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION WAS THAT PERSONNEL OF UNIFORMED ORGANIZATIONS EQUIPPED WITH WEAPONS IN THE WEST WHO WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOTALS SUBMITTED FOR THE MANPOWER OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE NATO DIRECT PARTICIPANTS IN THE REDUCTION AREA WERE THOSE IN BORDER CONTROL AND INTERNAL SECURITY AND POLICE ORGANIZATIONS.

12. FRG REP STATED THAT A NUMBER OF EASTERN QUESTIONS DEALT WITH THE ISSUE OF HOW THE WEST HAD DIVIDED MANPOWER BETWEEN GROUND AND AIR FORCES. WESTERN REPS WOULD LIKE TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT -- WHILE THEY WERE QUITE WILLING TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS -- THEY BELIEVED IT WOULD BE A SOMEWHAT MORE ORDERLY PROCEDURE TO FOCUS THE DISCUSSION ON ISSUES HAVING TO DO WITH THE TOTAL SIZE OF THE FORCES BEFORE DEALING WITH THE DIVISION OF THESE FORCES INTO GROUND AND AIR. IN THIS SENSE, THE EAST'S SIXTH QUESTION WAS: "TO WHICH BRANCH OF SERVICE HAS THE MANPOWER OF TERRITORIAL AIR DEFENSE FORCES OF THE NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM, FRG, AND UK IN CENTRAL EUROPE BEEN ALLOCATED?" THE WESTERN ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION WAS THAT, AS EASTERN REPS KNEW, THE WESTERN NATIONS DID NOT HAVE A SEPARATE SERVICE FOR AIR DEFENSE OF THE HOMELAND. AIR DEFENSE PERSONNEL OF THE NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM, FRG, AND UK ARMED FORCES WHO BELONGED TO THE ARMY AND THEREFORE WORE ARMY UNIFORMS HAD BEEN COUNTED AS GROUND FORCES IN WESTERN FIGURES. THOSE WHO BELONGED TO THE AIR FORCE AND THEREFORE WORE AIR FORCE UNIFORMS HAD BEEN COUNTED AS AIR FORCES.

13. FRG REP STATED THAT THE NEXT GROUP OF EASTERN QUESTIONS CONCERNED THE WESTERN COUNT OF EASTERN FORCES. THE EAST'S

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FIRST SUCH QUESTION WAS "WHAT IS THE CRITERION USED BY THE WEST TO ESTIMATE THE ARMED FORCES MANPOWER OF THE WARSAW TREATY DIRECT PARTICIPANTS IN THE AREA OF REDUCTIONS," AND, SECONDLY, "WHAT ARE THE GROUNDS FOR THE WEST TO ASSERT THAT THIS MANPOWER EXCEEDS THAT OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE NATO DIRECT PARTICIPANTS BY 150,000?"

15. FRG REP SAID THAT THE WESTERN ANSWER TO THE FIRST PART OF THE QUESTION WAS THAT THE CRITERION THE WEST HAD USED TO ESTIMATE THE ARMED FORCE MANPOWER OF WARSAW TREATY DIRECT PARTICIPANTS IN THE REDUCTION AREA WAS THE SAME AS THE WEST HAD USED FOR ITS OWN FORCES. THAT IS, THE WEST HAD COUNTED ALL ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL OF THE WARSAW PACT DIRECT PARTICIPANTS. AS REGARDS THE SECOND PART OF THE QUESTION, WHEN THIS CRITERION WAS APPLIED TO EASTERN FORCES, COUNTING ALL ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL IN THE WARSAW PACT FORCES IN THE REDUCTION AREA, WESTERN FIGURES INDICATED THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL OF EASTERN DIRECT PARTICIPANTS IN THE AREA EXCEEDED THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ALL ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL OF WESTERN COUNTRIES WITH FORCES IN THE AREA BY CONSIDERABLY MORE THAN 150,000 MEN.

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16. FRG REP SAID THAT THE SECOND EASTERN QUESTION WAS, "TO WHICH BRANCH OF SERVICE HAS THE MANPOWER OF THE NATIONAL AIR DEFENSE COMMANDS OF POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA BEEN ALLOCATED?" AS EASTERN REPS KNEW, THE WEST DIVIDED ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL ON BOTH SIDES INTO TWO CATEGORIES, EITHER GROUND OR AIR FORCES, ACCORDING TO THE UNIFORM THEY WORE. THE WEST THEREFORE HAD COUNTED AS GROUND FORCES ALL AIR DEFENSE PERSONNEL EXCEPT THOSE WEARING THE UNIFORM OF AIR FORCES OR OF AVIATION ELEMENTS OF NATIONAL AIR DEFENSE. THAT IS TO SAY, THE WEST HAD DIVIDED THE PERSONNEL OF THE NATIONAL AIR DEFENSE COMMANDS OF POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA INTO TWO GROUPS AND ALLOCATED ONE TO GROUND AND ONE TO AIR. THE PORTION OF THE POLISH AND CSSR NATIONAL AIR DEFENSE COMMANDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE OPERATION OF GROUND-BASED AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS AND THEIR ASSOCIATED ELECTRONIC SUPPORT EQUIPMENT HAD THUS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE GROUND FORCE CATEGORY.

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THE REMAINDER HAD BEEN ALLOCATED TO THE AIR FORCE CATEGORY.

17. FRG REP STATED THAT THIS CONCLUDED THE WEST'S REPLIES TO EASTERN QUESTIONS. WESTERN REPS WOULD NOW BE GLAD TO HEAR EASTERN ANSWERS TO WESTERN QUESTIONS.

18. TARASOV SAID THAT IN THE PRESENT SESSION, AS HAD BEEN AGREED IN THE PREVIOUS SESSION, PARTICIPANTS HAD STARTED TO CONSIDER THE ISSUE OF THE NUMERICAL STRENGTHS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF NATO AND WARSAW TREATY COUNTRIES IN CENTRAL EUROPE. IN THE OPINION OF THE EASTERN PARTICIPANTS, SUCH A DISCUSSION COULD PROMOTE REACHING AGREEMENT ON THE REDUCTION OF TROOPS IF ALL THE PARTICIPANTS WOULD PROCEED CONSISTENTLY FROM THE EXISTING REALITIES, WOULD CARRY OUT OBJECTIVE ANALYSIS OF THE DATA SUBMITTED, AND WOULD NOT TRY TO USE DISCUSSION OF THE DATA ISSUE TO JUSTIFY UNILATERAL CONCEPTS ELABORATED IN ADVANCE. EASTERN PARTICIPANTS WERE CONVINCED THAT IN THE EVENT THAT ALL DIRECT PARTICIPANTS MANIFESTED PRECISELY SUCH AN APPROACH WHILE DISCUSSING THE ISSUE OF THE STRENGTH OF THE ARMED FORCES, THEY WOULD INEVITABLY COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT IN THE REDUCTION AREA THERE ACTUALLY EXISTED APPROXIMATE PARITY IN THE ARMED FORCE STRENGTH OF THE TWO SIDES, A POINT WHICH EASTERN REPRESENTATIVES HAD SEVERAL TIMES MENTIONED.

19. TARASOV CONTINUED THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EASTERN DIRECT PARTICIPANTS, THE USSR, GDR, POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HAD IN JUNE 1976 TABLED DATA ON THE NUMERICAL STRENGTH OF THEIR ARMED FORCES DEPLOYED IN THE REDUCTION AREA. THE TOTAL STRENGTH OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THESE COUNTRIES IN CENTRAL EUROPE, VALID AS OF 1 JANUARY 1976, AMOUNTED TO 987,300 MEN,

INCLUDING 805,000 FOR GROUND FORCES. IN SUBMITTING TOTALS FOR THE ARMED FORCES OF THE WARSAW TREATY COUNTRIES, EASTERN PARTICIPANTS HAD INCLUDED ALL THE CATEGORIES OF MILITARY PERSONNEL. THEIR DATA DID NOT INCLUDE PERSONNEL OF THE NAVY, BORDER GUARD FORCES, FORMATIONS OF OTHER MINISTRIES AND DEPARTMENTS, RESERVISTS AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL WORKING
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WITH THE ARMED FORCES. THE TOTALS FOR THE ARMED FORCES OF THE EASTERN PARTICIPANTS HAD BEEN COUNTED ON THE BASIS OF THE CRITERION ACCORDING TO WHICH THESE TOTALS INCLUDED ALL THE UNIFORMED MILITARY PERSONNEL WHICH WERE ON THE PERSONNEL ROSTERS OF THE MILITARY UNITS AND FORMATIONS AS OF 1 JANUARY 1976.

20. TARASOV CONTINUED THAT THIS MEANT THAT MILITARY PERSONNEL TEMPORARILY ABSENT FROM THEIR UNITS FOR VARIOUS REASONS, FOR EXAMPLE, BEING ON LEAVE, BUSINESS MISSIONS, IN HOSPITAL, ON TRAINING OUTSIDE THE REDUCTION AREA, ETC., HAD ALSO BEEN COUNTED. SUCH A COUNTING CRITERION, WHICH EASTERN PARTICIPANTS CALLED " THE ROSTER STRENGTH PRINCIPLE", MET TO THE GREATEST EXTENT THE GOALS OF THE VIENNA TALKS.

21. TARASOV CONTINUED THAT, FIRST, THIS CRITERION ENABLED PARTICIPANTS TO DEFINE THE ACTUAL STRENGTH OF THE ARMED FORCES AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE DIRECT PARTICIPANTS IN THE VIENNA TALKS IN CENTRAL EUROPE WHICH WERE TO BE THE OBJECT OF REDUCTIONS. SECOND, BY APPLYING SUCH A CRITERION, IT WAS POSSIBLE TO SPECIFY BOTH THE SCOPE OF ACTUAL REDUCTIONS AND THE RESIDUAL LEVEL OF THE STRENGTH OF THE ARMED FORCES. THIRD, THIS PRINCIPLE MADE IT POSSIBLE TO DRAW A CLEAR-CUT DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN THE PERSONNEL OF THE ARMED FORCES TO BE COVERED BY REDUCTIONS AND THOSE CATEGORIES WHICH SHOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM REDUCTIONS.

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22. TARASOV CONTINUED THAT, IN SETTING FORTH THE EASTERN CRITERION FOR COUNTING THE STRENGTH OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE WARSAW TREATY COUNTRIES, EASTERN PARTICIPANTS WISHED TO EMPHASIZE THAT THIS CRITERION TOOK INTO ACCOUNT THE WISHES WHICH THE WESTERN PARTICIPANTS HAD EXPRESSED AS REGARDS THE DATA ISSUE. FIRSTLY, THE TOTALS FOR THE ARMED FORCES OF THE EASTERN PARTICIPANTS IN THE REDUCTION AREA COMPRISED ALL THE CATEGORIES OF UNIFORMED MILITARY PERSONNEL, INCLUDING THE CATEGORIES PERFORMING THE FUNCTIONS SIMILAR TO THOSE FULFILLED BY CIVILIAN PERSONNEL IN THE NATO ARMIES. SECOND, ASIDE FROM NAVAL PERSONNEL, THE CATEGORIES MENTIONED BY NATO PARTICIPANTS, THAT IS, BORDER GUARD FORCES, RESERVISTS, CIVILIAN PERSONNEL, AS WELL AS THE PERSONNEL OF OTHER UNIFORMED ORGANIZATIONS QUIPPED WITH WEAPONS, HAD ALSO BEEN EXCLUDED FROM COUNTING THE STRENGTH OF THE ARMED FORCES. THE EASTERN PARTICIPANTS HAD MADE THESE SERIOUS STEPS IN ORDER TO MEET THE WESTERN
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PARTICIPANTS HALF WAY ON THE ISSUE OF COUNTING THE STRENGTH OF TROOPS, IN THE EFFORT TO FACILITATE IN A PRACTICAL WAY GETTING UNDERSTANDING ON THIS PROBLEM, AND AS A RESULT, REACHING AGREEMENT ON FORCE REDUCTIONS.

23. TARASOV SAID EASTERN PARTICIPANTS NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT ALREADY IN THE PRESENT SESSION THE FRG REP ON BEHALF OF ALL NATO DIRECT PARTICIPANTS HAD GIVEN THE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS EASTERN REPS HAD PUT. AT THE SAME TIME, IT WAS QUITE NATURAL THAT NOT ALL OF THESE ANSWERS GAVE THE FULL PICTURE AND FULL UNDERSTANDING ON THOSE QUESTIONS WHICH THE EAST HAS ASKED OF THE WEST. IN THIS CONNECTION, EASTERN PARTICIPANTS RESERVED THE RIGHT TO COME BACK TO THOSE ANSWERS IN ORDER TO SEEK CLARIFICATION FROM WESTERN REPS OF THOSE ASPECTS WHICH THEY MIGHT NOT UNDERSTAND AT THE MOMENT AND THOSE ASPECTS WHICH MIGHT

APPEAR IN THE FUTURE.

24. TARASOV SAID HIS COLLEAGUE THE CZECHOSLOVAK REP WAS READY TO REPLY TO THOSE QUESTIONS WHICH HAD ALREADY BEEN PUT TO EASTERN REPS BY THE WESTERN PARTICIPANTS. TARASOV ASKED WHETHER IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR THE EAST TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS ON THE SPOT OR AFTER A FURTHER WESTERN STATEMENT. US REP SUGGESTED THAT CZECHOSLOVAK REP CONTINUE WITH HIS ANSWERS.

25. CZECHOSLOVAK REP SAID THAT EASTERN PARTICIPANTS, BASING THEMSELVES ON THEIR POSITION OF PRINCIPLE WITH REGARD TO SETTING FORTH ARMED FORCE TOTALS, WISHED TO REPLY TO THE QUESTIONS PUT TO THE EAST BY WESTERN REPS CONCERNING THE TOTALS TABLED BY THE WARSAW TREATY COUNTRIES. THE QUESTIONS ASKED BY THE WEST AND EASTERN REPLIES WERE AS FOLLOWS;

26. (COMMENT: CZECHOSLOVAK REP DID NOT GIVE ACCURATE RENDITION OF WESTERN QUESTIONS, AND HIS ANSWERS WERE IN SEVERAL CASES NOT RESPONSIVE TO THE QUESTIONS ASKED. MEISNER DID ANSWER WESTERN QUESTIONS 2 AND 3. TARASOV LATER ANSWERED QUESTION 1 AND LATER PROMISED A REPLY TO QUESTION 4. BY IMPLICATION, TARASOV ANSWERED
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QUESTION 5, BUT WESTERN REPS WILL ASK IT AGAIN FOR CONFIRMATION. END COMMENT).

(1) THE FIRST WESTERN QUESTION WAS THAT, IN THE MARCH 19 INFORMAL SESSION, AMB KHLESTOV HAD STATED THAT EASTERN PARTICIPANTS SUB-DIVIDED ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL OF THE PARTICIPANTS INTO THREE CATEGORIES ACCORDING TO WHETHER THEY WERE SERVING IN COMBAT UNITS, COMBAT SUPPORT UNITS, OR IN SERVICE SUPPORT UNITS. WESTERN REPS HAD SAID THAT THEY BELIEVED THAT THE EAST HAD COUNTED ALL THESE CATEGORIES OF MILITARY PERSONNEL WHEN SETTING UP ITS NUMERICAL DATA. WESTERN REPS THEREFORE ASKED WHETHER EASTERN PARTICIPANTS HAD INDEED COMPRISED ALL THESE MILITARY PERSONNEL IN THE EASTERN COUNT.

THE EASTERN ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION WAS THAT EASTERN PARTICIPANTS HAD INCLUDED IN THE FIGURES OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE WARSAW TREATY PARTICIPANTS THE MILITARY PERSONNEL OF ALL CATEGORIES, THOSE TO BE FOUND IN COMBAT UNITS, AS WELL AS IN UNITS OF COMBAT SUPPORT AND IN SERVICE SUPPORT UNITS.

(2) THE WEST'S SECOND QUESTION HAD BEEN THAT EASTERN PARTICIPANTS HAD SPOKEN MANY TIMES ABOUT THE FACT THAT, IN THE AREA OF REDUCTIONS, THERE WERE EASTERN MILITARY PERSONNEL GROUPED IN SUB-UNITS AND COMMANDS NOT RELATED TO ANY OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED CATEGORIES. IN THE INFORMAL MEETING OF MARCH 12, 1976, THE CZECHOSLOVAK REP HAD MENTIONED EXAMPLES OF SUCH MILITARY PERSONNEL. IN HIS STATEMENT OF 30 MARCH 1976, THE GDR REP ALSO SPOKE OF

THIS CATEGORY OF MILITARY PERSONNEL. PROCEEDING FROM ALL THIS, WESTERN PARTICIPANTS WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER THIS CATEGORY OF MILITARY PERSONNEL WAS INCLUDED IN THE TOTALS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE WARSAW TREATY COUNTRIES.

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THE EASTERN ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION WAS THAT, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT RESULTS OF THE DISCUSSION WHERE THE QUESTION OF DEFINITIONS HAD BEEN EXAMINED AND ALSO TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE POSITION OF THE WESTERN STATES, AND BEING DESIROUS OF FINDING A GENERAL SOLUTION TO THE QUESTION OF FIGURES ON THE ARMED FORCES, THE EASTERN PARTICIPANTS HAD WHEN COUNTING THEIR ARMED FORCES COMPRISED ALL CATEGORIES OF MILITARY PERSONNEL, INCLUDING THOSE MILITARY PERSONNEL IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE WARSAW TREATY COUNTRIES WHO PERFORMED FUNCTIONS CARRIED OUT IN NATO ARMIES BY CIVILIAN PERSONNEL, THOSE PERSONNEL NOT RELATED TO COMBAT UNITS, COMBAT SUPPORT UNITS NOR SERVICE SUPPORT UNITS. THE EASTERN TOTALS DID NOT INCLUDE TEMPORARILY SERVING NON-PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL OF THE TERRITORIAL FORCES OF POLAND.

(3) THE NEXT WESTERN QUESTION, WAS DID THE EASTERN NUMERICAL
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DATA COMPRISE ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO SERVED IN CERTAIN MILITARY INSTITUTIONS: (A) THOSE OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE SYSTEMS, MAJOR HEADQUARTERS, AND CENTRAL MILITARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES; (B) IN MILITARY TRAINING INSTITUTIONS, ACADEMIES AND SCHOOLS; AND (C) IN MILITARY DISTRICT STAFFS.

THE EASTERN ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION WAS THAT EASTERN PARTICIPANTS HAD INCLUDED IN THE FIGURES OF THE WARSAW TREATY COUNTRIES THE MILITARY PERSONNEL OF ALL MAJOR OPERATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, MILITARY DISTRICT STAFFS, AS WELL AS OF THE CENTRAL MILITARY INSTITUTIONS OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE SYSTEMS, INCLUDING MILITARY ACADEMIES, TRAINING INSTITUTIONS, TRAINING CENTERS AND SCHOOLS LOCATED IN THE AREA OF REDUCTIONS.

(4) THE FOURTH WESTERN QUESTION HAD BEEN THAT ON JUNE 10, AMB KHLESTOV HAD SAID THAT EXCLUDED WERE CIVILIANS WORKING IN THE ARMED FORCES, AND ALSO BORDER FORCES AND UNITS OF OTHER MINISTRIES AND DEPARTMENTS. WESTERN REPS HAD ASKED THE EAST TO EXPLAIN IN MORE DETAIL THE PRINCIPLES OF ALLOCATING SUCH OTHER FORMATIONS TO OTHER MINISTRIES AND DEPARTMENTS.

THE EASTERN RESPONSE WAS THAT THE EAST HAD ASSIGNED TO THE FORMATIONS OF OTHER MINISTRIES AND DEPARTMENTS THOSE FORMATIONS THE PERSONNEL OF WHICH WERE WEARING A SPECIAL UNIFORM, WERE EQUIPPED WITH WEAPONS, BUT WERE NOT ON WHAT EASTERN PARTICIPANTS CALLED THE "ROSTER STRENGTH," NOT ON THE ROLLS OF SUB-UNITS, UNITS AND FORMATIONS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

(5) THE LAST WESTERN QUESTION WAS WHETHER EASTERN TOTALS COMPRISED ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL LOCATED IN THE AREA OF REDUCTIONS OR IF PERHAPS THERE WERE MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO HAD BEEN EXCLUDED FROM THE EASTERN TOTALS.

THE EASTERN ANSWER WAS THAT, AS FLOWED ALREADY FROM THE EASTERN ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 1, THE FIGURES THE EAST HAD SUBMITTED FOR THE ARMED FORCES OF THE WARSAW TREATY COUNTRIES IN THE AREA

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OF REDUCTIONS COMPRISED ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THAT MENTIONED IN THE EASTERN ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 2, I.E., THE CONSCRIPT PERSONNEL OF THE POLISH TERRITORIAL FORCES.

27. US REP SAID THAT, AS AMB TARASOV HAD POINTED OUT, IT WAS NATURAL THAT WESTERN PARTICIPANTS MIGHT HAVE SOME QUESTIONS TO CLARIFY THE ANSWERS EASTERN PARTICIPANTS HAD JUST GIVEN. IF

IT WAS AGREEABLE TO EASTERN PARTICIPANTS, US REP WANTED TO ASK ONE OR TWO CLARIFYING QUESTIONS AT THIS POINT ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT WESTERN PARTICIPANTS IN THE PRESENT SESSION WOULD ANSWER CLARIFYING QUESTIONS FROM THE EASTERN SIDE.

28. DRAWING ON TALKING POINTS APPROVED BY THE AD HOC GROUP, US REP ASKED, FIRST, WHETHER IT WAS CORRECT TO UNDERSTAND THAT EASTERN PARTICIPANTS HAD INCLUDED IN THEIR TABLED FIGURES ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL IN THE REDUCTION AREA OF THE DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OF THE WARSAW PACT EXCEPT FOR THE EXCLUSIONS WHICH THEY HAD SPECIFIED IN THE PRESENT SESSION, NAMELY, NAVAL PERSONNEL, BORDER GUARD FORCES, FORMATIONS OF OTHER MINISTRIES AND DEPARTMENTS, RESERVISTS AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL WORKING WITH THE ARMED FORCES AND CONSCRIPT PERSONNEL OF THE POLISH TERRITORIAL FORCES? WAS IT CORRECT THAT, WITH THESE EXCEPTIONS, THE EAST HAD COUNTED ALL WARSAW PACT MILITARY PERSONNEL IN THE AREA? CZECHOSLOVAK REP SAID THE ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION WAS YES, THE EAST HAD INCLUDED ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL EXCEPT THE PERSONNEL WHOSE EXCLUSION THEY HAD LISTED IN THE PRESENT SESSION. TARASOV SAID THE EAST HAD NOT INCLUDED POLICE BORDER GUARDS AND SO ON.

29. US REP ASKED WHETHER THE EAST HAD INCLUDED THE PERSONNEL OF THE POLISH SEA LANDING DIVISION. AFTER CONSULTATION AMONG THE EASTERN DELEGATIONS, TARASOV STATED THAT THE EAST HAD ALLOCATED THESE PERSONNEL TO THE NAVY.

30. US REP ASKED WHETHER EASTERN PARTICIPANTS HAD INCLUDED IN THEIR FIGURES THE MILITARY PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE POLISH VOYEVOdstvo, I.E. PROVINCIAL, STAFFS? TARASOV INDICATED HE WOULD

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TAKE THE QUESTION AND REPLY TO IT LATER. US REP POINTED OUT THAT EASTERN PARTICIPANTS HAD SAID THAT THEY HAD INCLUDED PERSONNEL IN ALL CATEGORIES. WHAT WAS THE MEANING OF THE TERM "CATEGORIES" EASTERN REPS HAD USED? WHY WAS IT NECESSARY TO USE THIS TERM AT ALL? WHY WAS IT NOT ADEQUATE SIMPLY TO SAY THAT EASTERN PARTICIPANTS HAD INCLUDED ALL WARSAW PACT MILITARY PERSONNEL IN THE AREA WITHOUT REFERENCE TO CATEGORY? TARASOV ASKED US REP TO CONTINUE WITH FURTHER QUESTIONS BEFORE HE REPLIED.

31. US REP ASKED, WHEN EASTERN PARTICIPANTS SAID THEY HAD INCLUDED ALL "CATEGORIES," DID THIS TERM INCLUDE ALL UNITS, COMMANDS, GROUPS, FUNCTIONS AND INSTALLATIONS IN THE AREA OF REDUCTIONS WHICH WERE MANNED BY MILITARY PERSONNEL WITH THE EXCLUSION OF THOSE WHICH EASTERN REPS HAD EXPRESSLY EXCLUDED IN THE PRESENT SESSION?

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32. US REP ASKED, HAD THE EAST INCLUDED IN ITS FIGURES ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO WORKED IN DEPOTS OR OTHER CENTRAL SERVICES SUCH AS COMMUNICATIONS, RAILROADS, PIPE LINES, MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION UNITS WHICH SUPPORTED MORE THAN ONE BRANCH OF THE ARMED FORCES? TARASOV SAID THE QUESTIONS POSED BY US REP COULD BE DIVIDED INTO TWO GROUPS. THE FIRST GROUP WAS HOW TO UNDERSTAND THE TERM "CATEGORIES," THE SECOND GROUP WAS: HAD EASTERN PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED ALL UNIFORMED MILITARY PERSONNEL IN THEIR COUNT OF ARMED FORCES? AS REGARDS THE FIRST GROUP OF QUESTIONS, IF HE, TARASOV, REMEMBERED CORRECTLY, THE TERM "CATEGORIES" HAD BEEN INTRODUCED INTO THE DISCUSSION OF ARMED FORCES STRUCTURE DURING DISCUSSION OF THE FUNCTIONS OF ARMED FORCES CIVILIAN PERSONNEL AND OF THE FACT THAT MILITARY PERSONNEL IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE WARSAW TREATY COUNTRIES PERFORMED FUNCTIONS SIMILAR TO THOSE FULFILLED BY CIVILIAN PERSONNEL IN THE ARMED

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FORCES OF THE NATO COUNTRIES. AT THE SAME TIME, WHEN EASTERN PARTICIPANTS HAD BEEN TALKING ABOUT COMBAT UNITS, COMBAT SUPPORT AND

SERVICE SUPPORT UNITS, THEY HAD HAD IN MIND THAT ALL THESE UNITS TAKEN IN THEIR UNITY, COMPRISED ALL UNIFORMED ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONEL, WITH THE EXCLUSION OF FUNCTIONS PERFORMED BY CIVILIAN PERSONNEL. NOW, WHEN PARTICIPANTS DID NOT HAVE TO MAKE A DIVISION OR DISTINCTION BETWEEN SERVICEMEN AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL, THEY COULD DROP THE TERM "CATEGORIES" AND USE THE TERM "ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL."

33. TARASOV CONTINUED , AS REGARDS THE SECOND GROUP OF QUESTIONS POSED BY US REP, IN THE ANSWERS GIVEN BY CZECHOSLOVAK REP IN THE PRESENT SESSION, EASTERN PARTICIPANTS HAD ALREADY TOLD THE WEST THAT, IN THE EAST'S COUNTING, THE EAST HAD INCLUDED ALL UNIFORMED ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PERSONNEL WEARING SPECIAL UNIFORM AND EQUIPPED WITH WEAPONS SERVING IN FORMATIONS OF OTHER MINISTRIES AND DEPARTMENTS, AS WELL AS THE TEMPORARILY SERVING NON-PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL OF THE TERRITORIAL FORCES OF THE POLISH PEOPLES' REPUBLIC.

34. US REP SAID HE HAD A FURTHER QUESTION. IN HIS BASIC STATEMENT, TARASOV HAD SAID THAT ALL PERSONNEL IN THE ROSTERS OF THE MILITARY UNITS AND FORMATIONS OF THE WARSAW TREATY FORCES AS OF 1 JANUARY 1976 HAD BEEN INCLUDED. US REP'S QUESTION WAS, WERE ANY MILITARY PERSONNEL OF THE EASTERN DIRECT PARTICIPANTS IN THE AREA NOT SHOWN IN THE MILITARY ROSTERS OF MILITARY UNITS AND FORMATIONS?

35. TARASOV SAID HIS ANSWER WAS THAT IN THE FORCES OF THE WARSAW TREATY DIRECT PARTICIPANTS THERE WERE NO MILITARY PERSONNEL ON ACTIVE DUTY WEARING MILITARY UNIFORM WHO WERE NOT ON THE ROSTERS OF UNITS AND FORMATIONS IN THE AREA OF REDUCTIONS. US REP SAID SOVIET REP HAD, IN HIS ANSWER, USED THE TERM "ACTIVE DUTY." THIS WAS A TERM WESTERN PARTICIPANTS HAD ALSO USED. WESTERN PARTICIPANTS USED
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THIS TERM TO MEAN PERSONNEL WHO DEOVTD FULL TIME TO MILITARY SERVICE OR WERE SUBJECT TO MILITARY ORDERS AND DISCIPLINE AND WERE AUTHORIZED TO WEAR MILITARY UNIFORM. WAS THIS ALSO WHAT EASTERN PARTICIPANTS MEANT WHEN THEY USED THE TERM "ACTIVE DUTY"?

36. TARASOV REPLIED WARSAW TREATY PARTICIPANTS DID NOT CUSTOMARILY USE THE TERM "ACTIVE DUTY." THEY DID USE THE TERM "NA DEYSVITELNOY SLUZHBE," MEANING "ON ACTIVE DUTY." EASTERN PARTICIPANTS BELIEVED THIS TERM WAS SIMILAR TO THE WESTERN TERM AND THAT BOTH SIDES UNDERSTOOD THIS LANGUAGE THE SAME WAY. WHEN EASTERN PARTICIPANTS REFERRED TO ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL, THEY MEANT PROFESSIONAL SOLDIERS WHO DEVOTED THEMSELVES TO MILITARY

CAREER AND ALSO THOSE ON ACTIVE DUTY FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME AS CONSCRIPTS.

37. US REP SAID TARASOV HAD USED THE TERM ALL "UNIFORMED" ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL. WHAT WAS THE MEANING OF THE TERM "UNIFORMED"? AND, WERE THERE ANY WARSAW TREATY MILITARY PERSONNEL IN THE AREA OTHER THAN UNIFORMED PERSONNEL? TARASOV REPLIED THAT ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE WARSAW TREATY COUNTRIES WORE MILITARY UNIFORM, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF WHEN THEY WERE SLEEPING, IN THE HOSPITAL, ATTENDING NEGOTIATIONS LIKE THE VIENNA TALKS, OR INVITED OUT FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS.

38. US REP ASKED TARASOV WHETHER EAST HAD ANY CLARIFYING QUESTIONS IT WISHED TO ASK ABOUT WESTERN STATEMENT. AFTER CONSULTATION, TARASOV ASKED WHETHER WESTERN REPS COULD SPECIFY WHAT UNIFORMED PERSONNEL EQUIPPED WITH WEAPONS WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE WESTERN COUNTING.

39. US REP ASKED TARASOV, HAD THE EAST INCLUDED IN ITS TOTAL FIGURES ALL WARSAW PACT MILITARY PERSONNEL IN EACH OF THE GROUPS FOR WHOSE EXCLUSION THE EAST HAD ARGUED IN THE PAST?
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US REP GAVE TARASOV FOLLOWING LIST:

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OTHER SUPPORT PERSONNEL

(DRAWN FROM EASTERN REPLIES GIVEN IN MARCH 12, 19 & 30, 1976
INFORMALS)

A. PERFORMING GUARD DUTY FOR DEPOTS, BASES, AND MILITARY
INSTALLATIONS.

B. ASSIGNED TO FIRE BRIGADES FOR GARRISONS, BASES, AND DEPOTS.

C. IN MAINTENANCE ENTERPRISES NOT BELONGING TO UNITS (OR
VOYSKA) BUT SEPARATE FROM THEM.

D. IN MILITARY TRADE ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS COMMISSARIES AND
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POST EXCHANGES OR CANTEENS.

E. IN CONSTRUCTION UNITS CONCERNED WITH INFRASTRUCTURE, SUCH
AS ROAD, BRIDGE, AND AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION UNITS AND ENTERPRISES.

F. IN CENTRAL MEDICAL SERVICES.

G. IN MILITARY TRANSPORTATION SERVICES.

H. ASSIGNED TO EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES FOR
TERRITORIAL FORCES.

I. IN MILITARY POST OFFICES AND MILITARY POSTAL SERVICES.

J. IN MILITARY TOPOGRAPHICAL SERVICES.

K. WORKING AS CLERKS, CASHIERS, CLEANING AND MAINTAINING
BUILDINGS, HEATING FACILITIES.

L. EMPLOYED IN OFFICER'S CLUBS, SOLDIER'S CLUBS, VARIOUS
KINDS OF ARTISTIC ENSEMBLES AND ORCHESTRAS (NOT MILITARY
BANDS), ATHLETIC GROUPS, AND RECREATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

40. TARASOV REPLIED THAT, IN ANSWERING EARLIER QUESTIONS

OF US REP, AND IN HIS STATEMENT ON THE PRESENT OCCASION, EASTERN PARTICIPANTS HAD ALREADY TOLD THE WEST THAT, DESIRING TO MEET THE WISHES OF THE WESTERN REPS, EASTERN PARTICIPANTS HAD DECIDED TO INCLUDE IN THEIR COUNT MILITARY PERSONNEL PERFORMING FUNCTIONS SIMILAR TO THOSE PERFORMED BY CIVILIAN PERSONNEL IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE NATO COUNTRIES. THUS, EASTERN PARTICIPANTS HAD ACCEPTED THE WESTERN PRINCIPLE OF DIVIDING UNIFORMED MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM CIVILIAN PERSONNEL IN COUNTING TOTAL FIGURES OF THEIR ARMED FORCES IN THE AREA OF REDUCTIONS. THUS, IF ONE TOOK THE LIST WHICH US REP HAD JUST GIVEN HIM, ALL THE PERSONNEL IN THESE CATEGORIES, IF THEY WERE UNIFORMED AND ON ACTIVE DUTY, WERE INCLUDED IN THE EASTERN COUNT.

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IF THERE WERE NON-UNIFORMED CIVILIAN PERSONNEL USED FOR SOME JOBS WITH THE ARMY, SUCH AS THOSE ON CONTRACT, THEN THOSE PERSONNEL HAD BEEN EXCLUDED FROM THE EASTERN COUNT. FOR EXAMPLE, IF SOME MILITARY ORGANIZATION WAS CARRYING OUT CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR WORKS, THEN THOSE CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR WORKS MIGHT BE CARRIED OUT BY A MILITARY ENGINEERING UNIT. THIS UNIT COULD AT THE SAME TIME HIRE ON CONTRACT CIVILIAN PERSONNEL, FOR EXAMPLE, DRIVERS FOR TRANSPORTING CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL OR SIMPLY AS LABOR FORCE. IN THIS CASE, ALL OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS OF THIS CONSTRUCTION UNIT WHO WERE UNIFORMED PERSONNEL WOULD BE COUNTED IN THE EASTERN COUNT, WHILE CIVILIAN PERSONNEL WORKING WITH THE ARMED FORCES ON CONTRACT WOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM THE COUNT.

41. US REP SAID WESTERN REPS WOULD IN THE NEXT OCCASION REPLY TO TARASOV'S QUESTION ON SPECIFYING THE UNIFORMED ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HAD BEEN EXCLUDED FROM THE WESTERN COUNT. WESTERN REPS WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF EASTERN REPS COULD ALSO TELL THEM AT THAT TIME WHICH UNITS OF OTHER MINISTRIES AND DEPARTMENTS EASTERN PARTICIPANTS HAD EXCLUDED FROM EASTERN TOTALS. TARASOV REPLIED THAT IT WOULD BE ONLY NATURAL THAT EASTERN PARTICIPANTS WOULD ANSWER THIS QUESTION AFTER HEARING AN ANSWER FROM THE WEST ON THE EAST'S SIMILAR QUESTION. US REP SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE SOVIET REP THE LIST OF COMBAT, COMBAT SUPPORT, AND SERVICE SUPPORT PERSONNEL PREVIOUSLY GIVEN BY EASTERN REPS TO WESTERN REPS. HIS QUESTION, FOR REPLY IN THE NEXT SESSION, WAS: HAD EASTERN PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL IN ALL THESE CATEGORIES AND SUB-CATEGORIES IN THEIR COUNT? TARASOV ACCEPTED THE LIST, THE TEXT OF WHICH FOLLOWS:

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LIST B

COMBAT, COMBAT SUPPORT, COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT
(COMPOSITE EASTERN LISTING)

COMBAT (PRESENTED IN WRITING AT NOV. 25, 1975 INFORMAL BY
KHLESTOV)

GROUND

- MOTORIZED RIFLE, MECHANIZED/INFANTRY
- TANK (ARMOR
- MISSILE
- ARTILLERY
- AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY
- AIR DEFENSE MISSILE
- ARMY AVIATION

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- FIGHTER AVIATION
- FIGHTER-BOMBER AVIATION
- BOMBER AVIATION
- RECONNAISSANCE AVIATION

- TRANSPORT AVIATION
- AIR DEFENSE MISSILE
- AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY

COMBAT SUPPORT (FROM MARCH 2, 1976 INFORMAL - OESER)
(DEFINED AS TROOPS FOR IMMEDIATE SUPPORT OF COMBAT TROOPS
IN THE COMBAT AREA.)

- MILITARY INTELLIGENCE
- SIGNAL
- RADIO TECHNICAL/RADIO ELECTRONICS
- UNITS FOR DEFENSE AGAINST WEAPON MASS DESTRUCTION
- ENGINEER
- AIR BASE TECHNICAL SUPPORT UNITS

COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT (MARCH 2, 1976 INFORMAL - OESER)
(UNITS FOR COMBAT SERVICE RENDERED TO COMBAT TROOPS)

- MEDICAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- REPAIR
- SUPPLY
- GUARD

42. NETHERLANDS REP SAID HE WANTED TO MAKE A FEW CONCLUDING
REMARKS FOR WESTERN PARTICIPANTS. THE PRESENT SESSION HAD
BEEN A USEFUL BEGINNING OF DISCUSSION OF COUNTING RULES.
EASTERN PARTICIPANTS HAD ALREADY RESERVED THEIR RIGHT TO
ASK FURTHER QUESTIONS. SIMILARLY, WESTERN PARTICIPANTS
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WISHED TO RESERVE THEIR RIGHT TO COME BACK TO FOLLOW-UP
QUESTIONS TO THE EASTERN ANSWERS GIVEN IN THE PRESENT SESSION.
AN OBJECTIVE OF THE PRESENT DISCUSSION WAS TO MAKE CLEAR THAT
BOTH SIDES WERE USING THE SAME COUNTING RULES.

43. DRAWING ON TALKINGS POINTS APPROVED BY THE AD HOC GROUP,
NETHERLANDS REP SAID PARTICIPANTS HAD IN THE PRESENT OCCASION
IDENTIFIED ONE INSTANCE WHERE BOTH SIDES WERE NOT USING THE
SAME RULES, THIS WAS THE CASE OF THE POLISH SEA LANDING
DIVISION. THE FACT THAT THE EAST HAD NOT INCLUDED THIS UNIT
IN ITS COUNT INDICATED THAT IT WAS NOT USING EXACTLY THE
SAME RULES AS THE WEST.

44. NETHERLANDS REP SAID THAT, AS REGARDS THE DISCUSSION IN
GENERAL, HE WISHED TO STATE THE OBJECTIVE FACT THAT EASTERN
STATEMENTS THT THE EAST WAS COUNTING ALL ACTIVE DUTY
MILITARY PERSONNEL OF THE WARSAW PACT FORCES IN THE REDUCTIONS
AREA WERE NOT CONSISTENT WITH WESTERN ESTIMATES OF THE SIZE
OF WARSAW PACT ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY MANPOWER IN THE AREA.

IT WAS CLEAR THAT PARTICIPANTS WOULD HAVE TO GO INTO THIS ISSUE FURTHER AND IN DETAIL IN ORDER TO MAKE ABSOLUTELY SURE WHETHER BOTH SIDES WERE IN FACT USING THE SAME COUNTING RULES. IT WAS IN THE COMMON INTEREST THAT PARTICIPANTS HAVE MAXIMUM CLARITY AND PRECISION ON THIS TOPIC. THEREFORE, NETHERLANDS REP HOPED PARTICIPANTS COULD CONTINUE THIS DISCUSSION IN THE NEXT SESSION.

45. THIS SESSION WAS CONCLUDED. AFTER BRIEF DISCUSSION, IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE NEXT SESSION WOULD BE DIVIDED INTO TWO SEGMENTS WITH EACH SIDE MAKING A GENERAL STATEMENT AT THE OUTSET AND THEN TURNING TO FURTHER DISCUSSION OF DATA IN THE SECOND PART OF THE SESSION. IT WAS AGREED TO HOLD THE NEXT SESSION ON FEBRUARY 22ND. THE EAST WILL BE HOST. RESOR

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